



Scoop of the Day

A&M Lacrosse Club member Rick Burrell (5) crawls over the top of a San Antonio Lacrosse Club player to get at the ball this past Saturday.

A&M lost to San Antonio, 17-6, but hosts the Minutemaid Lacrosse Club Sunday at 1 p.m. on the Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field.

Photo by TOM OWNBEY

Ex-A&M coach learns new job from ground up

Associated Press

PALESTINE — Tom Wilson, a former Texas A&M head coach, has been so anxious to familiarize himself with his new job as head football coach at Palestine High School, it wouldn't be surprising if he started calling the Wildcat Stadium press box "home sweet home."

He actually moved in the press box — on a temporary basis — after arriving here a few weeks ago from Texas Tech in Lubbock, where he was the Red Raiders' offensive coordinator.

The makeshift quarters, although a far cry from the comforts of a real home, presented some advantages also, Wilson said.

"I'm having a ball," Wilson said from his office-study in the large press box area, which adjoins the high school building. "And I can watch films until I'm ready to go to bed."

He added, "Of course, this is only temporary, but there's plenty of floor footage and everything you need to be comfortable."

Well, almost everything. "I am getting a little tired of eating out," Wilson joked.

Wilson was offered the head coaching job here after Texas Tech's head coach, Jerry Moore, was fired in December and replaced by David McWilliams, formerly the defensive coordinator at the University of Texas.

Wilson was head coach at A&M from mid-1978 to 1981, preceding current coach Jackie Sherrill.

Wilson's wife will join him in Palestine later this year after his daughter graduates from high school in Lubbock. But until that time, Wilson has other things on his mind besides where he shaves every morning.

"The main priority right now is to get our off-season program rolling and establish a solid football program," Wilson said.

Wilson didn't officially take over at Palestine until Jan. 21, but drove into town the first week of January and moved into the press box.

"I love the kids already," he said. "They've got a good attitude and are hungry to win. I've been pouring over films, and I think we've got a



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talented group of youngsters who can win. Of course, there is a lot of work to do, but our goal is to work hard and do as well as we are capable of doing. How good that is, I don't know. But the right attitude is definitely there."

With basketball season in full swing, Wilson has his off-season football players lifting weights three days a week and working on agility drills the rest of the school week.

The rest of his hours are spent getting familiar with his new surroundings.

Wilson currently is working on ideas like converting a classroom in the press box to a coaches' meeting room and adding equipment like climbing rope to help with training.

"We're doing a little organizing right now," Wilson said. "Getting things ready for when football season comes around."

He's even found a motto for the team — "Total commitment to excellence" — which he feels is appropriate for his new team.

"It may take some time to have an outstanding program," he said. "But if we commit ourselves to excellence, we are going to come out ahead in the long run."

Wilson said at least four assistants from last fall's coaching staff have been promised jobs on his staff.

"I don't really want to comment too much on that now, but there may be one or two new coaches by next season. I do think the four who will be back are quality coaches and will be a big asset to the program."

Lone Star State scores big with NBA all-stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — The first National Basketball Association All-Star weekend to take place in Texas has convinced NBA players and officials that the state where football is king is learning to appreciate their sport.

"The people in Dallas have become knowledgeable basketball fans," said Kareem Abdul-Jabbar after the East's 139-132 victory over the West at Reunion Arena. "They have come a long way in a few years."

The NBA awarded the game to

the expansion Dallas Mavericks in only their sixth season in the league, the first time the All-Stars had come to Texas.

The older Houston Rockets and San Antonio Spurs have yet to host the game.

"This is a sophisticated city and the fans this weekend got a chance to see the sites," Abdul-Jabbar said. "This was a great opportunity. Basketball is played more than any other sport. It is the national sport."

Reunion Arena had successive sellouts of 16,573 fans on both days

of the All-Star extravaganza.

On Saturday, the Old-Timers Game, the long distance three-point shootout, and slam-dunk contests drew a jammed house.

The Slam-Dunk day tickets were priced at \$5 but scalpers were asking as much as \$20. One scalper even tried to sell one to Commissioner David Stern.

On Sunday, the All-Star game tickets were \$37.50 each. Scalpers were selling some for \$50 and up. Mavericks officials made sure the NBA visitors got a taste of Texas.

There were armadillo races and a real live Brahman bull in the ballroom at a country and western party Friday night.

On Saturday night, Texas legend Willie Nelson sang some of his classics, including "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain" and "On the Road Again" for a packed Convention Center crowd.

"It was a great weekend," said Los Angeles Lakers Coach Pat Riley, who coached the West All-Stars. "I do not think anyone can say they did not enjoy it."

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